

TO : Chief, SGI

1 December 1944

FROM : Lt. Michaelis

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SUBJECT: OSTRICH Situation Report.

During the past week OSTRICH continued his efforts to contact various people in the case. On Monday, 11 December he went to Villefranche-sur-Saone in an effort to locate Mme. MORAND. Details of this visit have been furnished in a separate report.

After several attempts, he was finally successful in seeing Mme. MORAND at Courbevoie. OSTRICH is under the impression that she is not familiar with her husband's activities, since she has been engaged in divorce proceedings against him for several years. She is now being interrogated by the French authorities at 149 rue de Longchamps. Her financial situation is pretty bad, and she was obliged to sell some of her furniture to get money to live on. She was skeptical about OSTRICH's visit, and apparently thought he was a policeman, trying to trap her. He asked whether he could rent her house at La Rouillee; they have another appointment for Monday, 18 December, since she must consult her lawyer.

The other saboteur, VLIEN, gave us the address of Mlle. LAHURE, 24 rue des Bergers, Paris. VLIEN had received this address from NEY as a possible refuge and perhaps as a letter box. OSTRICH tried to find her, but learned she had been arrested 25 August.

OSTRICH also contacted by telephone a friend of his in Paris named RENE, a man who has no connections with the G.I.S. He later saw RENE and learned from him that about ten days ago a woman who identified herself as Mme. NEY, wife of the saboteur who is still unapprehended, had called and asked where OSTRICH was. Since for reasons of security RENE had not been contacted by OSTRICH, he denied knowing him. Later Mme. NEY came to RENE's flat, insisted that he must know OSTRICH, that it was important for her to find him since she had an important sum of money to give him.

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